**Four-Laning of NH-77**

1025. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for four-laning of National Hicjhway No. 77;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the agency which would undertake the work and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B.C. KHANDURI)]: (a) and (b) Preparation of detailed project report for four laning of Hajipur-Muzaffarpur section of National Highway No. 77 is under progress.

(c) It is too early to indicate about name of agency and the date of commencement.

**Expansion of NHAI**

† 1026. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand National Highways Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken to make the Authority more accountable and efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Adequate steps are taken whenever the need arises.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.